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## GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE AWARDS ANNOUNCED

The Governor's Annual Awards for Emergency Medical Services (EMS), sponsored by the Alaska Council on Emergency Medical Services, were announced at the opening session of the annual State EMS Symposium on Friday, November 14, and will be presented the evening of November 15 at the 26th Annual Alaska EMS Awards Banquet at the Egan Convention Center in Anchorage.

The **Consumer/Citizen Award** honors a person who, not in the regular line of duty, performs life-saving, limb-saving, or medical techniques in a medical emergency, and shows quick thinking, common sense, and initiative to save a life or reduce injury. The recipient is Keira Lestina of Eagle River who is honored for saving a mother and child from a burning motor home on August 15, 2003 near Portage Glacier.

The **Provider Award** honors a medically trained person who performs meritorious service above and beyond the expectations of the job. The recipient is Staff Sergeant Kendall Greenleaf, formerly of Fort Wainwright, chosen for his rescue of a severely-injured snow-machine operator from a mountain near the Gulkana Glacier on December 7, 2002.

The **EMS Educator Award** honors a state certified ETT instructor or EMT instructor, who is dedicated to quality instruction and promoting the best in pre-hospital care, or has made an outstanding contribution to EMS education. The recipient is Bill O'Brien from Bethel in recognition of his leadership, professionalism, competence and dedication during his 13 years as an instructor for the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation.

This **EMS Administrator Award** recognizes a person who successfully develops a new approach, technique, device, etc., to improve EMS in Alaska, and/or for an outstanding administrator in an EMS agency or service. The recipient is Ronni Sullivan of Southern Region EMS Council in Anchorage in recognition of her hard work and leadership on behalf of her Region and the State.

The **George Longenbaugh Memorial Award** honors a physician who exemplifies leadership and dedication to EMS systems and, through his or her efforts, has significantly promoted the Alaska EMS system. The recipient is Dr. Ken Brown from Juneau in recognition of his involvement, leadership and dedication to EMS in Southeast Alaska as medical director for Capital City Fire/Rescue as well as to the State as a member of the Alaska Council on EMS.

The **Outstanding Ambulance Service Award** recognizes a ground ambulance or first responder service which has outstanding success in providing year-round community service, and in gaining support and involvement of the entire community in its service and educational activities, or which has shown heroic performance on a special occasion. This year's award goes to the Seward Volunteer Ambulance Corps in recognition of its 50 years of service to the Citizens of the Seward area.

A **Friend of EMS Award** is given on rare occasions to a person who has made a significant and lasting contribution to Emergency Medical Services in Alaska. This year the Governor's Alaska Council on Emergency Medical Services has chosen to honor Mark Johnson for his 24 years of service to the State of Alaska, beginning in 1979 as the first Chief of Emergency Medical Services.